

Ranger Guided Discovery Hikes



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Each hike is limited to 11 people. You must sign-up at the Denali Visitor Center Information Desk. Proper gear and purchase of a Discovery Hike shuttle bus ticket are required.

<p><u>Friday, August 03</u> Ranger : Frannie Christensen Elevation Gain : 900 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 29</p>	<p><u>Teklanika Hills</u> We'll hop off the bus near the Teklanika campground and head off the road toward the east. For the first hour of the hike, we'll likely encounter waist-high brush and boggy terrain. Next, we'll climb up to higher ground and explore one of many knolls where we'll look for berries, late season blooms, and signs of wildlife. Be prepared with good ankle support, extra socks, full rain gear, a headnet for bugs, lots of water, and a hearty lunch. Most of all, be prepared to have fun!</p>
<p><u>Monday, August 06</u> Ranger : Meroë & Emily Elevation Gain : ~ 300ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Plains of Murie</p>	<p><u>Polychrome Paradise (Weather Permitting)</u> Join us as we ski down the scree slopes to reach the Plains of Murie across from the beautiful Polychrome Mountain. After a quick descent we will follow the East Fork River as we enjoy the gorgeous landscape around us. We'll search for the last set of blooming wildflowers of the summer and enjoy lunch among some awesome volcanic rocks! You'll need sturdy hiking boots, raingear just in case, plenty to eat and of course some H2O. See ya there!</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, August 08</u> Ranger : Hannah Ragland Elevation Gain : ~1000' Difficulty : Moderate Location : Igloo Mt</p>	<p><u>Grin and Shwack It</u> We'll keep grins on our faces as we shwack our way (bushwack that is) along an un-named creek and (eventually) above Igloo Mountain's brush. If the drainage gets us too choked up we'll try out one of the ridges above it, staying on the lookout for signs of the seasons flying by (wildflowers-probably, berries-hopefully!). Come prepared to get your feet a little wet, and show some love to the shrubs (cuz they just might be blueberry bushes...)</p>
<p><u>Friday, August 10</u> Ranger : Frannie Christensen Elevation Gain : 700 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 38</p>	<p><u>Igloo Creek Trek</u> We'll hop off the bus at Igloo Creek just before the Sable Wildlife Closure. We'll hike up a drainage along the creek looking for signs of wildlife and late-season wildflowers. We may encounter some waist-high brush at the start and small creek crossings are highly likely. Be prepared for our Igloo Creek trek with extra socks, sturdy footwear, full rain gear, plenty of water and a hearty lunch. Most of all, be prepared to have fun!</p>